

REGULAR NORTH PROVIDENCE SCHOOL COMMITTEE MEETING
MARCH 28, 2012

The North Providence School Committee met on March 28, 2012 at 6:38 p.m. in the Administration Conference Room at the High School. Members present were Chairman Marciano, Mrs. Reall, Mr. Cataldi, Mr. Iannetta, Mr. Palmieri, Mrs. Picard and Ms. Leva. Also present were Superintendent Ottaviano, Mr. McNamee, Mr. Ryan, Mr. Henneous and Mr. Scungio. Mr. Milazzo was present for the discussion re: NPHS Custodial Position and Mr. Furtado from Beacon Mutual were present for discussion of the Workers Compensation Settlement. Mr. Tedeschi was present for the Regular Session only. Appropriate disclosure was made by the Chair concerning compliance with R.I. General Laws 42-46-5(a)(1) indicating that any person to be discussed had been appropriately notified.

Motion by Mrs. Reall, seconded by Mr. Iannetta and carried to go into open session at 6:38 p.m. The regular session was recessed to go into Executive Session at 6:38 p.m. The Budget Hearing was

convened at 7:40 p.m. and the regular session reconvened at 8:00 p.m.

II. MOVE INTO OPEN SESSION - BUDGET HEARING

1. Budget Workshop

Superintendent Ottaviano explained that there are handouts available and that this is the last budget workshop. The budget needs to be given to the Town by April 1st. Next, Superintendent Ottaviano and Mr. McNamee gave a brief presentation of the PowerPoint slides and answered questions regarding the maintenance of effort issue.

2. Public Comments

No public comments were received.

III. MOVE INTO OPEN SESSION – REGULAR MEETING

The Regular Meeting reconvened at 8:00 p.m.

I. CALL TO ORDER

The Chair called the meeting to order.

II. SALUTE TO THE FLAG

The Chair led the assembly in the pledge of allegiance and a moment of silence.

III. CHAIR TO REPORT OUT ANY VOTES TAKEN IN EXECUTIVE SESSION AND RECEIVE MOTION BY COMMITTEE MEMBER TO SEAL EXECUTIVE SESSION MINUTES PURSUANT TO APPLICABLE PROVISIONS OF RIGL 42-46-(4) & (5).

The Chair reported that one vote was taken in Executive Session.

IV. CORRESPONDENCE

The Chair next reported that there was no correspondence received.

V. PUBLIC COMMENTS ON AGENDA ITEMS 3-4.

No comments were received.

VI. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

1. FY 2013 Budget.

Superintendent Ottaviano recommended approval of the FY2013 Budget as presented. Motion by Mr. Cataldi, seconded by Mr. Iannetta and Mrs. Picard and the entire Committee as to Resolution

No. 12-3-05. Be it resolved that, at the recommendation of the Superintendent, the N. P. School Committee vote to approve the FY 2013 Budget as submitted. A roll call vote was taken as follows: Ms. Leva, aye, Mr. Palmieri, aye, Mrs. Picard, aye, Mr. Cataldi, aye, Mrs. Reall, aye, Mr. Iannetta, aye, and the Chair, aye. The motion carried by unanimous consent.

2. Monthly Financial Report.

Superintendent Ottaviano asked for the advice and consent of the Committee for approval of the March 28, 2012 Monthly Financial Report. Motion by Mrs. Picard, seconded by Mr. Cataldi and Mr. Iannetta as to Resolution No. 12-03-01. Be it resolved that, at the recommendation of the Superintendent, the N.P. School Committee vote to approve the March 28, 2012 Monthly Financial Report as submitted. A roll call vote was taken as follows: Ms. Leva, aye, Mr. Palmieri, aye, Mrs. Picard, aye, Mr. Cataldi, aye, Mrs. Reall, aye, Mr. Iannetta, aye, and the Chair, aye. The motion carried by unanimous consent.

3. Home Schooling Requests.

Superintendent Ottaviano recommended approval of the Home Schooling Request by Lisa Sfameni for Hannah Lee Sfameni – Grade 12. Motion by Mr. Iannetta, seconded by Mrs. Reall as to Resolution No. 12-03-02. Be it resolved that, at the recommendation of the

Superintendent, the N.P. School Committee vote to approve the home schooling request by Lisa Sfameni for Hannah Lee Sfameni – Grade 12. A roll call vote was taken as follows: Ms. Leva, aye, Mr. Palmieri, aye, Mrs. Picard, aye, Mr. Cataldi, nay, Mrs. Reall, aye, Mr. Iannetta, aye, and the Chair, aye. The motion carried by a vote of 6 to 1.

4. Field Trips.

Superintendent Ottaviano read the Field Trip Requests and asked for the advice and consent of the Committee for approval of the Requests. Motion by Mr. Iannetta, seconded by Mrs. Reall and Mrs. Picard as to Resolution No. 12-03-03. Be it resolved that, at the recommendation of the Superintendent, the N.P. School Committee vote to approve the Field Trip Requests as submitted. A roll call vote was taken as follows: Ms. Leva, aye, Mr. Palmieri, Mrs. Picard, aye, Mr. Cataldi, aye, Mrs. Reall, aye, Mr. Iannetta, aye and the Chair, aye. The motion carried by unanimous consent.

5. 2012 – 2013 School Calendar.

Superintendent Ottaviano recommended approval of the 2012 – 2013 School Calendar as submitted. Motion by Mrs. Reall, seconded by Mr. Iannetta and Mrs. Picard as to Resolution No. 12-03-04. Be it resolved that, at the recommendation of the Superintendent, the N.P. School Committee vote to approve the 2012 – 2013 School Calendar as submitted. A roll call vote was taken as follows: Ms. Leva, aye,

Mr. Palmieri, aye, Mrs. Picard, aye, Mr. Cataldi, aye, Mrs. Reall, aye, Mr. Iannetta, aye, and the Chair, aye. The motion carried by unanimous consent.

6. NECAP Presentation.

Mr. Ryan spoke about the NECAP Results from 2011. He spoke about the higher number of children with free and reduced lunches and highlighted the progress made in different areas as well as the concerns.

7. Revised Use of Property Policy.

Superintendent Ottaviano explained that the Policy in the packets is the first reading. Members offered comments regarding reassessing the facilities charges as well as the need to make the language in the Policy very clear so that everything is spelled out.

8. 2012 Senior Class Trip.

Superintendent Ottaviano recommended approval of the 2012 Senior Class Trip as submitted. Motion by Mrs. Picard, seconded by Mr. Iannetta as to Resolution No. 12-03-06. Be it resolved that, at the recommendation of the Superintendent, the N.P. School Committee vote to approve the 2012 Senior Class Trip as submitted. A roll call vote was taken as follows: Ms. Leva, aye, Mr. Palmieri, aye, Mrs.

Picard, aye, Mr. Cataldi, aye, Mrs. Reall, aye, Mr. Iannetta, aye, and the Chair, aye. The motion carried by unanimous consent.

9. Contract Continuation Resolution.

Motion by Mr. Cataldi, seconded by Mr. Iannetta as to Resolution 12-03-07. Be it resolved that the N.P. School Committee vote to approve the Resolution Re: Contract Continuation as submitted and forward it to the House and Senate. A roll call vote was taken as follows: Ms. Leva, aye, Mr. Palmieri, aye, Mrs. Picard, aye, Mr. Cataldi, aye, Mrs. Reall, aye, Mr. Iannetta, aye, and the Chair, aye. The motion carried by unanimous consent.

10. Binding Arbitration Resolution.

Superintendent Ottaviano recommended approval of the Binding Arbitration Resolution as submitted. Motion by Mrs. Picard, seconded by Mr. Iannetta as to Resolution No. 12-03-08. Be it resolved that, at the recommendation of the Superintendent, the N.P. School Committee vote to approve the Binding Arbitration Resolution as submitted and forward it to the House and Senate. A roll call vote was taken as follows: Ms. Leva, aye, Mr. Palmieri, aye, Mrs. Picard, aye, Mr. Cataldi, aye, Mrs. Reall, aye, Mr. Iannetta, aye, and the Chair, aye. The motion carried by unanimous consent.

IX. SCHOOL COMMITTEE REPORT.

1. Funds Resolution Approval.

Motion by Mr. Cataldi, seconded by Mrs. Reall, Ms. Leva, and Mr. Iannetta to approve the Funds Resolution as submitted. A roll call vote was taken as follows: Ms. Leva, aye, Mr. Palmieri, aye, Mrs. Picard, aye, Mr. Cataldi, aye, Mrs. Reall, aye, Mr. Iannetta, aye, and the Chair, aye. The motion carried by unanimous consent.

2. Budget re: Review of Secretarial Duties.

Mrs. Picard reported that the subcommittee is still meeting and this item will be discussed at the next meeting.

3. Addressing School Committee – Mr. Palmieri.

Mr. Palmieri felt that there is a definite disconnect when parents want to address the School Committee. He felt that no one should be telling parents to go to RIDE and asked for an explanation of why that is happening. Mr. Cataldi spoke about the fact by state law, there are some cases that the Committee cannot hear, such as special education issues. The reason that the Committee cannot hear these issues is to protect the parties as well as the Committee. Members offered comments.

4. Accessing Test Scores – Mr. Palmieri.

Motion by Mr. Palmieri, seconded by Mrs. Picard that when a parent requests a test score, the results be sent to him/her. A roll call vote was taken as follows: Ms. Leva, aye, Mr. Palmieri, aye, Mrs. Picard, aye, Mr. Cataldi, aye, Mrs. Reall, aye, Mr. Iannetta, aye, and the Chair, aye. The motion carried by unanimous consent.

X. REQUESTS TO ADDRESS COMMITTEE

No requests were received.

XI. NEW BUSINESS.

1. Bids.

No bids were received.

2. Resignations.

Superintendent Ottaviano asked for the advice and consent of the Committee for approval of the resignation of Helia Deshong – Crossing Guard – Whelan Elementary School Post – Mineral Spring Avenue and Woodward Road – Effective February 29, 2012 and Kym Hambly – Middle School Cheerleading Advisor – Ricci Middle School

Effective March 15, 2012. Motion by Mr. Cataldi, seconded by Mrs. Picard as to Resolution No. 12-03-10. Be it resolved that, at the recommendation of the Superintendent, the N.P. School Committee vote to approve the resignations of Helia Deshong and Kym Hambly as submitted. A roll call vote was taken as follows: Ms. Leva, aye, Mr. Palmieri, aye, Mrs. Picard, aye, Mr. Cataldi, aye, Mrs. Reall, aye, Mr. Iannetta, aye, and the Chair, aye. The motion carried by unanimous consent.

3. Retirements.

Superintendent Ottaviano asked for the advice and consent of the Committee for approval of the retirement of John Chece – Custodian – Marieville Elementary School Effective May 1, 2012 and Gina DiPetrillo – Elementary Teacher – Grade 2 – Centredale Elementary School – Effective at the end of the 2011/2012 School Year. Motion by Mr. Iannetta, seconded by Mrs. Reall and Mrs. Picard as to Resolution No. 12-03-11. Be it resolved that, at the recommendation of the Superintendent, the N.P. School Committee vote to accept the retirements of John Chece and Gina DiPetrillo as submitted. A roll call vote was taken as follows: Ms. Leva, aye, Mr. Palmieri, aye, Mrs. Picard, aye, Mr. Cataldi, aye, Mrs. Reall, aye, Mr. Iannetta, aye, and the Chair, aye. The motion carried by unanimous consent.

4. Non-Renewals/Layoffs.

No Layoffs/Non-Renewals were presented.

5. Leaves of Absence.

Superintendent Ottaviano recommended that the Committee vote to approve the Leaves of Absence Requests from Allison Ambrose – Secondary Social Studies Teacher – NPHS – Unpaid Leave of Absence Effective April 14, 2012 through June 12, 2012, Barbara Audette – Grade 4 Elementary Teacher – McGuire Elementary School – Paid FMLA Leave Effective April 25, 2012 through June 12, 2012, Donald Cyr – Custodian 2nd shift – NPHS – Paid FMLA Leave Effective March 19, 2012 through March 23, 2012 and Unpaid FMLA Effective March 26, 2012 through April 13, 2012, Sheri Farrell – School Nurse/Teacher – McGuire Elementary School – Unpaid Leave of Absence – Effective February 27, 2012 through April 27, 2012, Donna Fishback – Self/Contained Special Education Teacher – NPHS Paid FMLA Leave Effective March 8, 2012 through March 30, 2012, and Christine Onorato – Crossing Guard – Stephen Olney School Post – Mineral Spring Avenue and Douglas Avenue – Paid FMLA Effective March 16, 2012 through March 29, 2012 and Unpaid FMLA Leave Effective March 30, 2012 through April 12, 2012. Motion by Mr. Iannetta, seconded by Mrs. Picard as to Resolution No. 12-03-12. Be it resolved that, at the recommendation of the Superintendent, the N. P. School Committee vote to approve the Leaves of Absence requests as presented. A roll call vote was taken as follows: Ms. Leva, aye,

Mr. Palmieri, aye, Mrs. Picard, aye, Mr. Cataldi, aye, Mrs. Reall, aye, Mr. Iannetta, aye, and the Chair, aye. The motion carried by unanimous consent.

6. Appointments.

There were no appointments.

XII. OLD BUSINESS

No Old Business was presented.

XIII. USE OF PROPERTY REQUESTS

Superintendent Ottaviano recommended that the Committee grant advice and consent to the approval of the Use of Property Requests submitted which were not previously approved, based on School Committee Policy, availability and the request meeting all the necessary conditions. Motion by Mrs. Picard, seconded by Mr. Iannetta and Mr. Palmieri as to Resolution No. 12-03-14. Be it resolved that, at the recommendation of the Superintendent, the North Providence School Committee grant advice and consent to the approval of the Use of Property Requests as submitted. A roll call vote was taken as follows: Ms. Leva, aye, Mr. Palmieri, nay, Mrs. Picard, aye, Mr. Cataldi, aye, Mrs. Reall, aye, Mr. Iannetta, aye, and the

Chair, aye. The motion carried by a vote of 6 to 1.

XIV. APPROVAL OF BILLS

Superintendent Ottaviano recommended approval of March 2012 List of Bills as presented and submitted to the Committee. Motion by Ms. Leva, seconded by Mrs. Picard as to Resolution No. 12-03-15. Be it resolved that, at the recommendation of the Superintendent, the North Providence School Committee grants advice and consent to approve and pay the March 2012 List of Bills in the amount of \$892,363.92. A roll call vote was taken as follows: Ms. Leva, aye, Mr. Palmieri, aye, Mrs. Picard, aye, Mr. Cataldi, aye, Mrs. Reall, aye, Mr. Iannetta, aye, and the Chair, aye. The motion carried by unanimous consent.

XV. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion by Mrs. Picard, seconded Mrs. Reall as to Resolution No. 12-03-16. Be it resolved that, at the Recommendation of the Superintendent, the North Providence School Committee approve and seal the Minutes of the February 29, 2012 Executive Session in accordance with R.I.G.L. 42-46-4 and 5. A roll call vote was taken as follows: Ms. Leva, aye, Mr. Palmieri, aye, Mrs. Picard, aye, Mr. Cataldi, aye, Mrs. Reall, aye, Mr. Iannetta, aye, and the Chair, aye. The motion carried by unanimous consent.

Motion by Mrs. Picard, seconded by Mr. Cataldi and Mrs. Reall as to Resolution No. 12-03-16. Be it resolved that, at the recommendation of the Superintendent, the N.P. School Committee vote to approve the Minutes of the February 29, 2012 School Committee Meeting as presented. A roll call vote was taken as follows: Ms. Leva, aye, Mr. Palmieri, aye, Mrs. Picard, aye, Mr. Cataldi, aye, Mrs. Reall, aye, Mr. Iannetta, aye, and the Chair, aye. The motion carried by unanimous consent.

XVI. PUBLIC COMMENTS IN AGENDA ITEMS 7 - 13.

Public comments were received.

XVII. PENDING BUSINESS

No pending business was discussed.

XVIII. ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Mrs. Picard, seconded by Ms. Leva and unanimously carried to adjourn the meeting at 8:50 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Margie Caranci

**Recording Secretary of the North Providence
School Committee**

Date Submitted to Committee:

Date Approved by the Committee: